

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Ricardo Ochoa (Reg. No. 61,545) on 9/17/2010.

The application has been amended as follows:

IN THE ABSTRACT:

The Abstract has been replaced with the new abstract shown below.

A method, system and network element for tracing signaling messages related to a subscriber in a mobile communication system. In the solution according to the invention a functional entity of the mobile communication system receives a trace command which indicates the tracer and identifies at least one subscriber whose signaling messages are to be traced, and tracing is started, tracing comprising the steps of: copying the signaling message in response to reception or transmission of a signaling message related to the subscriber to be traced, and sending a copy to the tracer.

Conclusion

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to UN C. CHO whose telephone number is (571)272-7919. The examiner can normally be reached on 9:00AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, George Eng can be reached on 571-272-7495. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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